

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Jeffery ERRINGTON et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed January 20, 2004 : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0091

BACILLUS STRAIN AND ANTIBIOTIC  
SCREENING METHOD  
(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of Serial No. 10/026,828,  
Filed December 27, 2001)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**Prior to calculating the filing fee**, kindly amend the application as follows: